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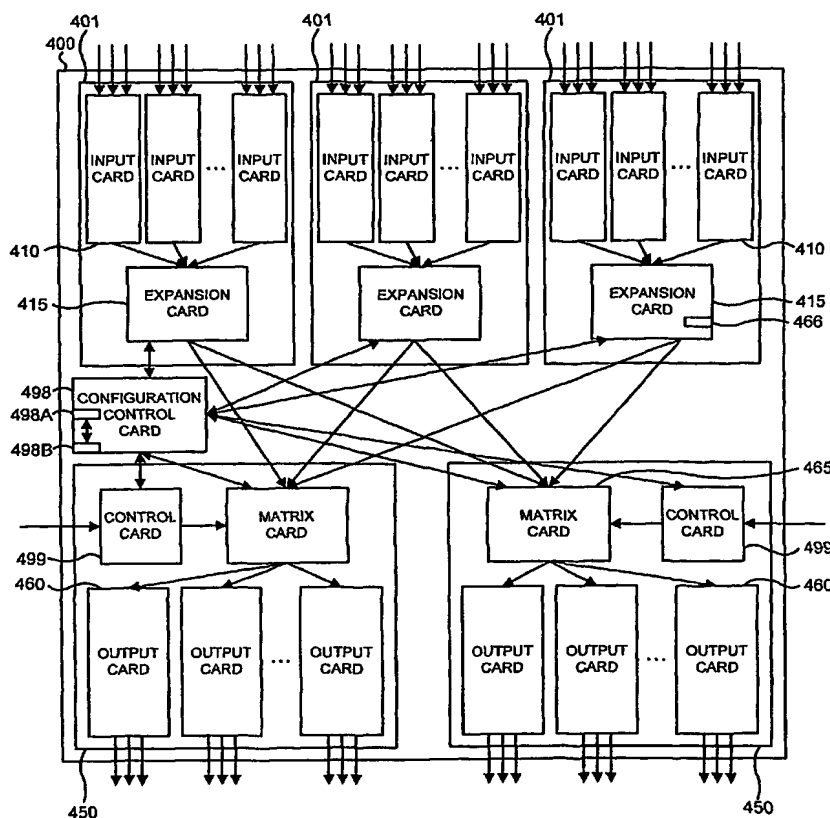
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a broadcast router that includes a plurality of input cards (410), a plurality of output cards (460), at least one programmable device (466), and a configuration control card (498). The plurality of input cards input data into the broadcast router. The plurality of output cards output the data from the broadcast router. The configuration control card stores configuration information for configuring the at least one programmable device to perform a first set of functions. The configuration control card is adapted for removal and replacement by at least one other configuration control card that stores other configuration information for configuring the at least one programmable device to perform a second set of functions having a difference from the first set of functions so as to change a functionality of the broadcast router.



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